

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4, 8, 11, 15, 30-36, 38 and 39 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Bone (GB 2316858).

Claims 1-6, 9-12, 15, 16, 28, 30-32 and 36-39 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Yang (US 6,045,013).

Claims 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Bone or Yang and further in view of Arish (EP 0974525) or O'Donnell (US 6,036,061).

Claims 16-29 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Bone in view of Barrash et al (US 5,667,101) and Parsonage (US 5,277,343) and further in view of Barriac et al (US 5,360,127).

Claim 40 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Bone in view of Ernst et al (US 4,125,207).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but is indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and the intervening claims 2-6.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of dependent claims 2-7. Claims 8-14, 30-35 and 38-40 all depend directly or indirectly from allowable amended claim 1 and are, therefore, allowable therewith.

Claims 15-29, 36 and 37 are cancelled.

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This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and further favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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